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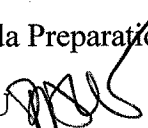
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TO: SACHI A. HAMAI
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU 
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Jane Doe by Deborah Epperson v. County of Los Angeles
Norwalk Superior Court Case No. VC 061 354

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Jane Doe by Deborah Epperson v. County of Los Angeles, Norwalk Superior Court Case No. VC 061 354 in the amount of \$675,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit concerns allegations of sexual assault and battery by a Sheriff's Deputy.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jane Doe by Deborah Epperson vs. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	VC 061354
COURT	Norwalk Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 14, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 675,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Smith & Behling
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Millicent L. Rolon
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Plaintiff Jane Doe, alleges sexual assault and battery by a Deputy of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.</p> <p>The Sheriff's Department denies that they knew or should have known of the inappropriate relationship between Jane Doe and the Deputy and failed to take action.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of the litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$675,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 291,684
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 60,338